

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 10, 2008. Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12 and 13 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 1-7.

Claims 1, 5 and 6 are objected to because of the informalities. The claims are amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The claims are amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-11 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for failing to reasonably provide enablement for the image-forming optical system. The claims are amended to obviate the rejection. With regard to the claimed "... first optical part is movably held between the second optical part and the third optical part," support is found in the specification on lines 1 and 2 of paragraph [0039]. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. Therefore, this Amendment is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to set forth further arguments and remarks supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.


In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is

desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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